

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

- - With reference to Figs. 1-4, first working end 24 generally includes a heel 28; a body portion 30 extending outward from heel 28; and a tip 32 at the remote end of body portion 30. Heel 28, body portion 30, and tip 32 extend generally radially outward from handle 22 substantially along a first plane $[[F]] \underline{P}$ as shown in Fig. 4. First working end 24 includes a bend portion 33 depending below plane $[[F]] \underline{P}$ and positioned between tip 32 and heel 28, preferably proximate to heel 28. It should be understood that bend portion 33 is carried on body portion 30 and formed in any known manner. Bend portion 33 may be formed having alternative shapes without departing from the invention provided that such alternative shapes provide the capability of impeding the first tire bead 14 from sliding along the body 30 and toward the heel 28 during the removal procedure, as will be described below. In the embodiment shown, bend portion 33 is generally wedge-shaped having a first segment 34 extending outward and downward from heel 28 and terminating at a peak 36, which may be rounded over. From peak 36 a second segment 38 of bend portion 33 extends outward and upward and defines an upwardly opening, generally triangular, cavity or crook 39 between first and second segments 34, 38. Second segment 38 terminates at a ball portion 40 of the body portion 30. Ball portion 40 may be formed in the same manner as bend portion 33 and comprises a surface extending outward and above plane P. As shown, ball portion 40 is configured as a shallow curved segment of body portion 30. From the ball portion 40 a third segment 42 extends radially outward and downward to a knuckle 44. Tip 32 extends radially outward and upward from knuckle 44 and represents the terminal end of the body 30.- -

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

- - Second working end 26 has components similar to first working end 24. As shown in Figs. 7 and 8, second working end 26 includes a heel 60, a middle portion 62, and a tip 64. Heel ~~[[30]]~~ 60 extends radially outward from handle 22 at a generally perpendicular relationship. Heel 60 may be of any shape, and as shown may include a rounded outer surface 65. It should be understood that heel 60 may be formed from a plurality of joined segments or, as shown, as a single curved segment.- -